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Joint Informational Hearing

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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hiram Johnson State Building Auditorium

455 Golden Gate Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102

BAY AREA DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Are we prepared for a major earthquake or a terrorist attack on the Bay Area?

1) 10:00 a.m. -- Welcome and Opening Remarks (15 minutes)

- a) Assemblymember Nation – Chair, Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs
- b) Assemblymember Nava – Chair, Budget Subcommittee Number 5

2) 10:15 a.m. -- Independent Overview of California's Disaster Preparedness and Response System (45 minutes)

How prepared is the state to handle a substantial natural disaster or terrorist attack?

Is there a comprehensive statewide plan in place to respond to disasters?

What is the state's current command structure and is there a clear understanding of roles?

- a) Elaine Howle – California State Auditor
- b) Mac Taylor – Deputy Legislative Analyst, LAO
- c) Hattie Hanley – Little Hoover Commission

3) 11:00 a.m. -- State Level Preparedness and Response (60 minutes)

How prepared is the state to handle a substantial natural disaster or terrorist attack?

What is the current process for responding to disasters and describe the chain of command?

How will the inter-agency response be coordinated and how do you expect to communicate?

If a catastrophic earthquake hits the Bay Area how will we respond?

- a) Stephen Sellers – Southern Regional Director, Office of Emergency Services
- b) Matthew Bettenhausen – Director, Office of Homeland Security
- c) Major General William Wade – Adjutant General, California National Guard

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4) 12:00 p.m. -- Regional Earthquake Preparedness and Response Strategy (60 minutes)

Do you have modern emergency operations plans and is there a process to review them?

Is there a clear and effective process for requesting aid from the state? What are the obstacles?

Describe your immediate earthquake recovery plan, how do you plan to get food/water/supplies to citizens in need and what is the timeline for restoration of essential city/county services?

- a) Richard Shortall – Deputy Director, San Francisco Office of Emergency Services
- b) Commander James Williams / Capitan Rocky Medeiros – Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- c) Sandy Covall-Alves – Sonoma County Emergency Services Coordinator
- d) John Quinlan – San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
- e) Celeste Cook – Director, Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services
- f) Christopher Godley – Manager, Marin County Office of Emergency Services
- g) Kevin Kellenberger – Director of Disaster Services, Red Cross Bay Area Chapter

2) 1:00 p.m. -- Bay Area Transportation Infrastructure (45 minutes)

How prepared are we for a terrorist attack on the Bay Area public transportation system?

In the event of a significant disaster, is there a coordinated response plan between state and local officials to facilitate an evacuation? Are there alternate transportation routes?

What is the timeframe to restore functionality to impacted highways?

How do you plan to transport food, water, people and supplies if major arteries, specifically the bridges are affected?

- a) Joe Farrow – Deputy Commissioner, CHP
- b) Bijan Sartipi – Deputy Director, District 4 of Caltrans
- c) Paul Oversier – Assistant General Manager of BART Operations
- d) Robert Hertan – Director of Security Programs MUNI
- e) Kary Witt – Bridge Manager, Golden Gate Bridge

5) 1:45 p.m. -- Public Comment (15 minutes)

Please print your name on the sign-in sheet if you wish to speak.